

LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Southside Regional Local Human Rights Committee
Meeting of January 27, 2006

PRESENT

George Boothby, LHRC
Mary Ann Jackson, LHRC
Lynette Jennings, LHRC
Jeffrey Burns, Tidewater Psychotherapy Services
Jim Dekker, Finney Psychotherapy Associates
Steve Waranch, Atlantic Psychiatric Services
Susan Wilson, Pendleton Child Services Center
Douglas Ray, Franklin House
Bernard Sutton, Paramount Youth Services
Rick Jackson, DePaul Behavioral Medical Center
Angelo Morlino, Vito, Inc.
Monica Manley, The Barry Robinson Center
Felix Johnson, The Barry Robinson Center
Stewart Prost, State Human Rights Advocate
Nina Joyner, Family Systems II and New Life Program

ABSENT

Barbara Parker, LHRC
Bobby Howlett, Jr., LHRC
Stephen Griffith, Family Net

George Boothby called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. Monica C. Manley reported that LHRC members Barbara Parker and Bobby Howlett, Jr. had called before the meeting to say that they would be unable to attend.

2006 Meeting Dates

The 2006 LHRC meeting dates are scheduled for January 27, April 28, July 28, and October 27.

Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved as presented.

Advocates' Report

Stewart Prost reported that Collette Ashiru had resigned her position with the Office of Human Rights and will be working at Central State Hospital. He indicated her last day would be Tuesday, January 31, 2006. In the interim he and two other members of the State Human Rights Advocate's Office will be following up on any reports made. Mr. Prost reported that in October of 2005, the DMHMRSAS approved the revisions to the Human Rights regulations and budget. The department signed off on the new regulations and budget on December 2, 2005. At this point, he indicated the Kaine administration must now review and make a final approval.

He also informed Committee members that a conference for LHRC members will probably occur in the fall in Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Prost stated he is a member of the

committee for training of LHRC members and is open for any suggestions on meeting topics.

Finally, Mr. Prost discussed and provided a handout on the Freedom of Information Act. In brief, he indicated people can make complaints regarding individual local human rights committees. In fact, he indicated that the complaints against individuals on the committee can ultimately proceed to general district court. In order to increase positive communication with the public, Mr. Prost reminded the Committee that each LHRC meeting must be posted on line three days prior to the meeting and list the date, time and location of the meeting. He made note that there was a posting at the front door of the administration building of The Barry Robinson Center for today's meeting. Mr. Prost continued to state that the public is able to access most of the material from the Local Human Rights Committee meetings with the exception of exempt material. He indicated that medical records or any other protected health information is part of the exempt material. In addition, anything discussed during an Executive Session, which may include interview of a candidate, protected health information or discussion of medical records is also exempt material. In brief, LHRC's must now post their final meeting minutes within three days of them being approved and must post a rough draft of committee meeting minutes ten days after the meeting. He indicated that the State Human Rights Committee will be developing guidelines for minutes to make them more concise and consistent across organizations. Mr. Prost reported other Local Human Rights Committees are deciding whether to post minutes on individual websites or the Department's website.

Posting of Meeting Minutes

George Boothby, Chair of the Committee, introduced discussion about the posting of meeting minutes and asked for opinions from participating providers. There was a consensus that this committee will e-mail all minutes to Margaret Walsh to post on the Department website. The Committee also agreed that the minutes would be circulated to all the providers prior to the rough draft being posted on the website.

Program Reports

1. Pendleton Child Services Center – Sue Wilson reported they are currently serving 18 residents in their residential program and 3 clients in their day program. There was one incident and allegation regarding a seclusion/restraint. She indicated a final report was being forwarded to the State Human Rights Office.
2. Tidewater Psychotherapy – Jeff Burns reported they are currently serving 18 clients in their intensive outpatient substance groups and 65 clients in their regular groups. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
3. Finney Psychiatric Associates – Jim Dekker reported they are currently serving 13 adult clients in their intensive outpatient chemical dependency program. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
4. Atlantic Psychiatric Services – Steve Waranch reported they are serving 25 clients in intensive outpatient programs for substance abuse. There are two adult groups and one adolescent group. There have been no restraints, complaints, or human

rights issues.

5. DePaul Behavioral Medical Center – Rick Jackson reported they are currently serving 14 geriatric patients in their partial hospitalization program and 60 outpatients. He indicated that they hope to start an intensive outpatient program. There have been no restraints, complaints or human rights issues.
6. Paramount Youth Services – Bernard Sutton reported they are currently serving 34 adolescents in four group homes. He indicated they currently have a new 12-bed group home. There was one serious incident and one peer-to-peer incident.
7. New Life – Nina Joyner reported that they are currently serving 53 home-based clients within New Life. Mary's House serves females ages 12 to 17 and currently has 6 clients. Sister's House serves clients ages 16 to 21 and currently has two clients. She reported that Mary's House will have two discharges this afternoon and two admissions on Monday. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
8. Family Systems II – Nina Joyner reminded the Committee that Family Systems is a separate entity from New Life and provides an array of community-based programs. She reported that they are currently serving 143 clients within Family Systems. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
9. Vito Inc. – Angelo Morlino reported they are currently serving 60 families with in-home services and 12 clients in day support. There were no restraints, complaints or other human rights issues.
10. Family Net – No representative present. No one called to report reason for non-attendance.
11. Franklin House - Douglas Ray reported that they have 1 adult male in their group home of a capacity of 4. There were no restraints, complaints, or other human rights issues.
12. The Barry Robinson Center - The LHRC reviewed The Barry Robinson Center's statistical reports regarding structured living, reports to licensing/human rights, and special treatment procedure utilization.

Executive Session

A motion was made and passed that the LHRC enter into an executive session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2:2-3711-84, for the purpose of discussing confidential information regarding Paramount group home.

Exit Executive Session

Upon reconvening into public session the LHRC unanimously certified to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters, lawfully exempt from statutory open meeting requirements, and only public business matters identified to the motion to convene the executive session, were discussed in the executive

session. After reconvening into public session, the Southside Local Human Rights Committee agreed that Paramount group home had followed all policies and procedures. Minor changes are recommended to their current policies.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.